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OR,

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From Friday March 2d. to Monday March 5th. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. IN Leviticus, Chap. 3. Verse 17. *and* Chap. 7. Verse 23. *there is as express an Injunction against eating of Fat, of Ox, or of Sheep or of Goat, in my Opinion, as of eating of Blood or things strangled; I humbly desire your Opinion in this, and you will much oblige*

Your assured Humble Servant, W. K,

A. Fat was forbid upon a pure Physical Consideration, *viz*, as *Maimonides* informs us, because it is nauseous and hurtful to the Stomach, and the Prohibition of it concerned only the *Israelites*, and them too only in some Particulars: But the Prohibition of Blood being grounded both upon Moral and Physical Reasons, was a long Time antecedent to this and obliges all Mankind. The one was taken off by *Christ*, but the other still remains in Force. Thus *Tertullian* testifies in his Book of *Monogamy*, *In Christ all Things are restored to their first State; Faith is returned from Circumcision to the Integrity of the Flesh as it was at first; Liberty of Meats, and Abstinence only from Blood, is now as it was at first; Singleness of Marriage is now as was at first.*

Q. Gentlemen, *That the Lent Fast ought to be strictly kept by all those that profess themselves of the Church of* England *(notwithstanding the general neglect of it) I suppose you will readily grant: Therefore desire you wou'd briefly give me some Directions for the religious Observance of it: As also to inform me, in what Manner our Church requires her Members to observe the Friday Fasts, and Eves of Festivals, and what Books I may read for my farther Instruction herein, by which you will oblige,*

Gentlemen, your admirer, &c.

A. What the Church of *England* teaches concerning Fasting, See *Hom.* 4th which is of *Good Works*. Other Books of our own Writers, that treat more largely on this Subject, are the following, *Hammond's Practical Catechism* B. 2. Sect. 12. B. 3 Sect. 3. *Taylor's H. living and dying* Chap. 4. *Jeanes of Festivals. Bp. Gunning of Lent. Tillotson's* Serm. 39. in the Folio; and *Nelson of the Feasts and Fasts of the Church*, which is a very useful Book, and more particularly to be recommended to all that wou'd piously observe all solemn Seasons appointed by our Church. But the Querist cannot be ignorant how these Seasons are to be religiously observed, if he knows in general what the Duty of Fasting imply's, and upon what occasions the Church first appointed some particular Days and Seasons for this purpose. He ought to know then that a Fast for the Day implies a total Abstinence from Meat for that Day, besides a devout Humiliation of the Soul before God in Prayers, Confessions and Contrition for Sin. If the Fast be for a longer Season, as in *Lent* or the *Ember-Week*, a total Abstinence from Food, being impracticable, we are only obliged to a more sparing and delicious Diet. For such was the Practice of the Primitive Church as *Epiphanius* testifieth, who speaking against those who abused the Seasons of Fasting saith, " On Church fasting Days, and especi-
" ally the Week before *Easter*, when with us Cu-
" stom admitteth nothing but lying down upon
" the Earth, Abstinence from fleshly Delights and
" Pleasures, sorrowfulness, dry and unsavoury Di-
" et, Prayer, Watching, Fasting, all the Medi-
" cines which holy Affections can minister, they
" rise betimes to surfeit themselves with luxurious

" Banqnets, and when their Veins are well swolln, " they make themselves merry with laughing at " this our Service, wherein we are persuaded we " please God. We shall observe farther by way of caution to the Querist, that Fasting does not consist in a bare Abstinence from Flesh, and all Things that belong to Flesh, and yet eating plentifully of other Dishes, such as delicious Fish, Aromatick Roots, and drinking the best Wines. These Superstitious Curruptions of Fasting introduced by the Church of *Rome*, ought to be exploded by all sincere Christians, who are not contented with meer Sophistical tricks for evading that which is alone substantial and effectual in Christian Duties. As for the occasions of first instituting the Times of Fasting now in use, which it is convenient for every one to know, that wou'd duly observe them, we must refer the Querist for Information to the Book last recommended, unless we have some other Opportunity of treating of them.

Q. Gentlemen, *Your extrem Ingenuity and unparallel'd Wit forces me to give the trouble of a Question left to your Determination*, viz.

What is it a Woman of Honour and Modesty most desires in the World: Some Gentlemen insist on Supremacy; others, on a Good and Heavenly Life, but whether of these, or any other cannot be resolv'd without your Solution; the Wager of a Bowl of Punch is depending (wherein your Healths shall be minded) and your speedy Answer will extreamly oblige

Your Admirer, J. T.

A. Supremacy it can by no means be, since a desire of *Supremacy* in a Woman is the direct opposite to all Modesty. A *Good* and *Heav'nly Life*, it wou'd certainly be, had you said a *Woman* of *Piety*, *Honour* and *Modesty*. But since it is possible to retain the Virtues of *Honour* and *Modesty*, induced thereunto by the Light of Nature, without having just Notions of Religion impress'd on their Minds, we suppose such meerly moral Women may most covet a *Good Name*; for those Qualifications, which best become their Sex.

Q. Gentlemen, *Your neglecting so long to answer the former Request, had like to have produc'd the ill Effects I then foresaw; for the inflam'd Bullies being inrag'd at the silence, ran Headlong to the Field of Battle, behind* Mountague-House, *where to't they fell Helter-Skelter, but by a Providencial accident, a Constable with his Myrmidons passing by, they seiz'd and secur'd them all in the inchanted* Savoy; *where now they are cursing their Stars, and threating Blood and Vengeance with next they meet abroad, which will be suddenly, they being (for sundry reasons) not qualify'd for the Service; therefore, to prevent further mischief, you are once more press'd to dispatch this grand Affair, by your Servant*

Don Saltero.

When Honour's Cause (as here) is to be try'd,
Whining Love Stories should be laid aside.

A. Tho' not so soon as you might expect, yet we presume, by that time the above came to our Hands, our Answer to your Question relating to the *Tinker*, *Botcher* and *Cobler*, arriv'd to yours, but we find it much maim'd, in leaving out the *Cobler's* Part, by some accident at the Press. Tho' we cannot be very sorry that your Bullies had first a Rencounter, since perhaps they have beaten more Sense into one another's Jobbernoles, than to contend for a Title of Dignity, of which they have not a Capacity to conceive any Idea, and had *Don Saltero*, but as many Brains as a Penny worth of Butter wou'd set a float, he had declin'd all concern for such Vermine.

Where *Honour* is concern'd, we have Regard,
But *Honour's Ape*, our Counsels is debarr'd.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am afflicted with a violent Palpitation of the Heart; concerning which, your advice will be thankfully received by*

Your Votarist,
Alexis.

A. We have formerly given the Cause of the Palpatation of the Heart, but the Cure thereof we leave to the Physitians.

POEMS.

O ye *England's* Head-pieces! Or her Repositories of *Wisdom*.

Q. *THE Question hereunder inserted, I would humbly implore a speedy reply unto; and tho' it may appear as trivolous to such* Sage Philosophers *as ye are, yet the compassionate Regard you bear towards such who are gifted with much inferior Talents to your selves, does seem Tacitely to indicate, that tho' the Subject I here offer may be unworthy of your considerations; yet your apprehensions of ill Consequences which may attend my Doubts, if not quickly resolv'd, will incite you to condescend to give me your Opinion thereof. To hold you no longer in suspence, 'tis as follows*, viz.

The Day, which preceeded Valentine's, *I writ the Names of Six Ladies, on as many pieces of Paper, which I threw promiscuously into a Cup, from whence I took out one; the Lot fell upon Mrs. S. B. and accordingly I sent her a Copy of Verses in the Evening; but have not received any intimation from her, whether she accepted thereof. The Query therefore is, whether or no, I may not conclude her silence to be an Argument of her acceptance, and so proceed to make her a Present (as is customary on such an occasion) or else suppose this disgusted, and answer's me in silence by way of Contempt. I Remain your Admirer and Correspondent*,

Young Lewkcall.

If the Verses transmitted the Lady may be of any use to you, for the solving the Question propounded. If you please to spend so much time you may read them as follows. And by which you may guess at the merry Dispositions of your Correspondent.

Madam,

Six Scraps of Paper were rowl'd up,
The which were cast into a Cup,
And on a Pole erected high
Was set; then winking with one Eye,
And with my Hand lift up aloft,
I made a quick, but single Draught.
Out came a Paper lapped round
With Thread, the which I soon unwound;

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In

In op'ning [illegible], I did find
Some Lines were writ, that pleas'd my Mind.
Which herewith I have you transmited,
If guilty, that I may b' acquited;
Since the inscrib'd were in they Lot,
The which I drew out from the Cup.

The LOT.

S——— *B*——— Bright and Fair,
Is constituted this one Year,
By Fortune, for your *Valentine*,
As you are young and in your Prime,
Despair not Youth but rub your Face,
And glaze it o'er with refin'd Brass;
For they that timorous are of Spirit,
Amongst the Ladies loose their Credit.

These Lines, no sooner had I read
But pleasing Thoughts, p'sses'd my Head;
I was resolved for to try,
If Fortune had spoke Truth or Lie.
Which made me to your Hands present
This Transcript, wishing the event
May prove as Fortune hath predicted,
That I may not be disappointed;
If Madam *you accept hereof,*
Pray intimate your kind Approof,
If otherwise, you do refuse,
Pray burn the Paper, and me excuse.

LEWKCALL.

A. Is it possible for one inform'd, by so Bright a *Genius* as your self, in the most sublime Flights of Rhetoric to doubt the desir'd Consequences of his expectations! You who are arriv'd at the envy'd height of Judgment, both in Prose and Verse, that 'tis difficult to distinguish whether the Rhime of the last or the Sense of the first, is preferrible in point of Excellency! No, you may conclude on divers consideratoins, that your elaborate Lines leap'd into the Lap of her Indulgence, where they sit brooding by the warmth of her Affections, otherwise by the laudable Rules of refin'd Education, she had return'd your Letter without Infringment or Conversation with the contents, except it might so happen, that she did return it to the Bearer, and he (urg'd by the exigency of a natural Motion) was forc'd to submit it to a Fundamental Application, but persuaded you, that it was offer'd at a sweeter Shrine, then indeed the Case is alter'd; yet we are willing to decline such Suppositions, because tho' the Sense of the Prose might be all lay'd out of her reach, yet,

If that should fail her Heart to pierce,
You'll captivate her sure with *Verse*;
To hear such tender matters spoken,
—Why sure by this, her Heart is broken:
Brok'd as your Numbers are and Sense,
Which Reason scorn for their Defence,
Nay, all the proofs they do discover,
Are giv'n in evidence of *Lover*.
For who that Character attains,
Must first dismiss all signs of *Brains*;
And Strangers be as much to *Wit*,
As if they ne'er convers'd with it;
Sound Sense those Parts can ne'er perform,
More than a Tilt-boat in a Storm,
Can blubbler, sigh, and cringe and whine,
And talk of Darts and Flames and Shrine,
Nor offer *wounded Hearts* there, which
The *Rites* shew rather of a *Witch*;
Who (if the Truth old Stories speak)
Of *Humane* kind such Offrings make;
Tho' one wou'd think, it were uncivil,
To place the Nimph in room of Devil,
And to her Sacrifices offer,
As *Witches* to Infernal proffer.
Another sign you shew of *Lover*,
One'd think enough alone to move her;
And which most justly you may boast,
That is your *Memory* you have lost,
Because you oft forget to Rhime,
Tho' in next moment 'tis of Time.
Thus while you shew in all your Strains,
Such luckey want of Sense and Brains,
And their Reverse so strongly ply,
All Rivalship you may defy.
Proceed then boldly and believe
Her Silence full consent does give.

SIR,

London, March 5th.

ON Saturday last, arrived 3 Holland *Mails* with the following advice; That Admiral Norris was not yet arrived at Final; But that some Officers that came lately from Bercelonia to Genoa, report that that Admiral was in the Gulph of Rosses, where he had destroyed a great quantity of Provision and Ammunition, that was designed for Girone; That Prince Ragotski has offerred to the Emperor 3 Million of Florins to obtain his Favour; That he will bring into the Emperor's Service several Thousand Men, and that he will be contented with an equivolent for his Estate, given to others; That Count Carole has also submitted, who the Emperor has restored to his Estate, and is to go with several Thousand Hussars as General of the Emperor to Spain; That the Sweedish Troops in Pomaria consist of 21300 Men, are shortly to march towards Saxony; That the Turks still continue resolved to conduct the King of Sweeden with 240000 Men, into his own Dominion. From Paris, that Marshal Villers was returned to Court from Flanders, whether the Officers were to set out the first Instant, and the General the

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20th Instant; That the Duke of Vendosme Army was within 4 Miles of Bercelonia, from whence General Starembergh had sent 2000 Men to Ostalick, in order to Garrison and fortify that Place.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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